

Renewal Evangelism To Use Laymen-Led Week-ends in Churches

ATLANTA (BP)—Reid Hardin, a ruddy-faced insurance executive turned lay evangelist, said here that the major tool for renewal evangelism in the Southern Baptist Convention would be lay-led weekend emphases in churches.

Hardin, recently elected associate director of the Division of Evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board, made the announcement during the first Renewal Evangelism Conference sponsored by the mission agency.

The conference gathered 65 leaders in renewal evangelism from throughout the nation to explore directions for the emphasis.

Hardin told the group that this new emphasis "doesn't mean we are going to gas up the laity for old programs."

Instead, he said, the renewal evangelism weekends were developed in recent years to utilize lay persons as catalysts in "turning on other laity through personal and group contact."

Best known of these type efforts has been the Lay Witness Missions, de-

veloped by Ben Jonson of Atlanta.

When asked to define "renewal evangelism," Hardin said it was the coming alive in a spiritual awakening of persons who are increasingly discovering a deeper and more meaningful life, the living out of that discovery in the church, and the sharing of the discovery through witness and ministry in all their worlds: neighborhoods, businesses, professions, jobs, schools, and social life.

Hardin said he is now prepared to accept invitations for renewal evangelism weekends. He has a corps of accredited coordinators trained (many were here for the conference) who will take assignments.

He said teams of Christian couples and youth, paying their own ways for the Friday through Sunday efforts, would lead the renewal evangelism weekends.

All kinds of laymen professionally are involved, including airline pilots, physicians, corporation executives, attorneys, salesmen, and workers in

nearly every kind of job imaginable.

Renewal evangelism teams, ranging in size from five to 40 according to the church, are scheduled six

months in advance for a specific weekend.

The team usually arrives on Friday and leaves on Monday. The week-

ends include fellowship meals, expe-

rience sharing, small group work, "Coke" parties for youth, coffee shar-

ing groups in homes, luncheons and cook-outs, dinner dialogues in homes, and participation in the Sunday School and worship services.

"This is a weekend of real fellowship in sharing on a voluntary and comfortable level," Hardin said. "It is sharing of faith, experiences, victories, common problems and needs. It should not be confused with 'sensitivity' training or integrity therapy, or with similar approaches."

Hardin gained experience in renewal evangelism when he founded Layman's Landing near Deerfield, Fla., a Christian retreat center for laity.

Kenneth Chaffin, director of the board's Division of Evangelism, said that in establishing the emphasis on renewal evangelism the Home Mission Board made three commitments: a commitment to renewal, a com-

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The sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst was well filled for the area Motivation and Mass Meeting held there on Tuesday night of last week. Kermit

S. King, director of the Church Training Department, is seen presiding.

Cooper Endorsed For Prexy Of SBC

Owen Cooper, Yazoo City industrialist and prominent Baptist layman, last Sunday was endorsed for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention by the Walton Sunday School Class in Adult Department No. Nine of the Sunday School of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

Joining the class in adopting the endorsement were about 25 deacons of the church who were in prayer meeting shortly before beginning of the 11 o'clock worship hour, according to T. Cooper-Walton, teacher of the class.

Hiram Polk is president of the class while Garvin Johnston is substitute teacher.

Mr. Cooper, along with several other outstanding Southern Baptist leaders, has been mentioned by Baptist Press in Nashville as a possibility for nomination and election as convention president, to succeed Dr. Carl Bates, of Charlotte, N. C., a native Mississippian, who will not be eligible for re-election.

The convention will meet next week, June 6-8, in Philadelphia, Penn.

"Mr. Cooper served as first vice-president of the convention in 1969."

(Mr. Cooper is being editorially endorsed for the convention presidency

in this week's issue of the Record. For this endorsement please turn to page 4.)

The endorsement by the class and deacons follows:

"Mr. Cooper has lived the exemplary life of a dedicated Baptist layman."

"He has a lifetime record of dedication to and support of his local church, at present the First Baptist Church of his home city."

"He has consistently given strong support to his pastors through the years."

"Mr. Cooper has wholeheartedly cooperated in the program of his association."

"He has occupied many places of leadership and has supported all phases of the work and program of the Mississippi Baptist Convention."

"Mr. Cooper has shown outstanding support for and interest in lay activities, such as Crusades to various needy places in the U. S. and abroad, and has shown a special interest in agricultural missions."

"He has given much valuable time to speaking to various churches and other groups and organizations in the areas of evangelism, missions and missions."

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3000 Attend Motivation Meetings Held In State



Program personalities for the Mass Motivation Meeting at the First Baptist Church in Eupora on Monday night of last week are, from left: Rev. John Alexander, Jackson, presiding officer; Rev. W. S. Stewart, host pastor; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music director; Dr. Landrum Leavell, Wichita Falls, Texas, speaker, and Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, speaker. Not shown is Dr. Larry Rohrman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The series of 10 area Mass Motivation Meetings held over the state last week in the interest of the statewide Sunday School Enlargement Campaign was a refreshing and uplifting experience for Mississippi Baptists.

This was the observation of Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department and chairman of the committee for the meetings.

Continuing, Mr. Alexander enthusiastically said that "the response is clear evidence that Mississippi Baptists feel that we have been too long in a state of decline and that they are ready to follow a positive and clear plan for advancement in the area of reaching people."

"The response, about 3000 in attendance, proves that people can be reached for worthy projects today. It is my considered judgment that our people are going to cooperate in a remarkable way to discover prospects in August, study and plan enlargement in September and train workers in October."

"Increasingly the reports are coming from over the state of churches deciding to become involved in 'The Spirit of '72 — Enlargement Now'."

The meetings were planned well in advance and outstanding leaders, both from within the state as well as from without, were secured to inspire the people of the state.

Out-of-state personalities who appeared at one or more meetings were Dr. Carl Bates, Charlotte, N. C., president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Landrum P. Leavell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas; Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville; Keener Pharr, director, Education Division, Florida Baptist Convention; Dr. Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, in addition to Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist of First Baptist Church, Dallas, who sang at two meetings.

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In Moscow

President And Mrs. Nixon Attend Baptist Church

MOSCOW — President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon attended worship services at the Baptist Church in Moscow on Sunday, June 28.

Leaders of the Soviet All - Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, which is the group in Moscow known as Baptists, had hoped that the President would attend the services, although an official invitation had not been released because Mr. Nixon "is here under political auspices."

According to UPI the president did attend those services before going on the television later in the day to speak to all the Soviet people in an address which was beamed to the whole world.

UPI says, as reported in press, "Before speaking, Nixon attended worship services with his wife at the Moscow Baptist Church, the only Protestant church in Moscow. They heard a sermon, in Russian, about love and joy and peace, and joined in in English when the congregation sang in Russian hymns familiar in the United States. One of them was 'What A Friend We Have in Jesus.'" (NBC reported that he also joined in singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.")

"The Rev. Ilya G. Ivanov, president of the Baptist Union, greeted the Nixons and said: 'We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.'"

"A Russian woman representing the congregation gave Mrs. Nixon a bouquet of pink and white carnations. About 1,000 persons, including 150 Soviet KGB security men and United States Secret Service agents, packed into the unpretentious church."

Newsmen had been advised that Sunday would be a "personal day" for the President, so the decision about going to church was his own.

According to RNS Correspondent, David E. Kucharsky, who is on the staff of the publication, Christianity Today, and who is one of the newsmen traveling with the presidential

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Southern Seminary

Names William

Hull New Provost

LOUISVILLE (BP) — William E. Hull, New Testament professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for 14 years, has been named provost of the seminary here.

The provost will function as chief academic officer for the institution. The new position was created by the seminary trustees in April as part of a major administrative reorganization.

Hull will continue to serve also as dean of the School of Theology, a post he has held since 1969. As provost, he will be chairman of the newly-formed academic council, composed of the school deans and other academic officials.

A native of Birmingham, Hull received degrees from Howard College (now Samford University; in Birmingham, Ala.), and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has also done advanced study at the University of Göttingen, Germany.

Hull, a prolific writer of books and articles for denominational publication, is author of the commentary on "John" for The Broadman Bible Commentary (1970). He has served as pastor and interim pastor of churches

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In Little Rock

Mid-America Baptist Seminary Will Open

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — May 29 — Plans for a Baptist seminary to open here on August 22 were announced today by Dr. B. Gray Allison, who will serve as president of the new school.

To be known as Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, the institution will be quartered temporarily in Olivet Baptist Church, Markham and Hughes. The permanent campus will be built on site in Maumelle New Town, near Little Rock.



Dr. Allison said the August 22 date is the time for registration. Founders Day activities have been set for August 23 and 24. Classes will begin on August 25.

Dr. Allison, a former professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary who has been in evangelism for a number of years, emphasized that the school while independent in administration will be oriented toward the Southern Baptist Convention.

He said that the faculty, including several experienced in the theological teaching field, will be announced in the near future.

Every faculty member must be active in evangelism, Dr. Allison said.

Those in the theological field must hold earned doctorates, and every professor will be a conservative in his theology, believing the Bible to be the verbally inspired Word of God and so teaching.

Every professor is to be an active pastor and - or member of a cooperating Southern Baptist church.

Initially the seminary will offer the following degrees: master of theology, doctor of theology and a graduate degree in religious education. Plans are to add a degree in sacred music in the near future. Another course of study being considered is doctor of pastoral theology.

To provide training for those who

are not college graduates, a three year course of study will lead to a diploma in theology. The school plans soon to offer a diploma in religious education and a diploma in sacred music.

Practical activities will be required of every student, Dr. Allison said. He pointed out that anticipated enrollment for the fall semester is a difficult unknown, but said that upward of 50 students are expected. Classes will be conducted Tuesdays through Fridays.

Directors of Mid-America Seminary, in addition to Dr. Allison, include: Charles E. Barnett, business-

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Baptists In Saigon Set Aid Groups

SAIGON (BP)—Baptists here have formed social action groups to aid the thousands of civilians seeking refuge from the war that is laying waste to towns and villages in other parts of Vietnam.

With more than 100,000 people from as far north as Hue expected to pour into this capital city by June 1, Southern Baptist missionaries met with pastors of Baptist churches here to organize their congregations into social action groups.

At the suggestion of the missionary social ministries committee, the Saigon pastors formed their own committee to visit refugee camps and report back on conditions and needs.

The pastors visited six of nine refugee groups now located in primary schools here. More than 7,000 women and children are housed in the six camps. Most men stayed in their villages and towns to defend them against the Communist forces.

Tran Nguon Phieu, Vietnamese minister of social welfare, met the Baptist pastors at one of the refugee centers. He told missionary associate Sam Humphries: "Please thank your Baptist people for their concern and help. We need your help now, but more important, we will need it in the future when we start to rebuild our country. Please tell your people not to forget us then."

With Humphries and the pastors was Eugene Grubbs of Richmond, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board consultant on laymen overseas, who was in Vietnam visiting missionaries and national Baptists.

Relief funds from Southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board have been used to buy medicine, mosquito nets, milk, sleeping mats and other necessities for the refugees, Humphries reported.

Missionaries in Vietnam have asked the board for another \$10,000 in emergency relief funds.

"Vietnamese Christians are working hard to aid the physical needs of their people," said Humphries. "In addition, they realize their greatest need is to know Christ as savior. Because of this, each refugee package contains religious tracts and a copy of the Gospel of John."

Mrs. Humphries is chairman of the missionaries' social ministries committee.

Graham Ends Crusade In Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS)—There is no such thing as a "real, honest-to-goodness atheist," evangelist Billy Graham said here.

Speaking during one of the services of his week-long crusade in Birmingham, the famed preacher noted that some people believe "Nikita Khrushchev was deposed from power in the Soviet Union eight years ago because he had been converted to Christianity."

As the Birmingham crusade ended, Mr. Graham focused on the present government of Russia, commenting that "the very survival of the human race is at stake" as President Nixon holds summit talks with the Kremlin leaders.

"If this conference is successful," the evangelist said, "we may well have a generation of peace, but if not, we could continue toward Armageddon."

The week-long crusade was successful in bringing thousands of people together in an integrated audience to witness integrated religious services.

Average nightly attendance was 10,000 more than expected, with an estimated 57,500 at the closing service of the crusade in the only major Southern city that had not previously hosted a Billy Graham Crusade.

Mr. Graham placed emphasis on the

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need for effective follow-up programs after the crusade. If local churches go back to the status quo and make no effort at follow-up, he said, the situation in Birmingham could end up worse than ever before.

During the closing service, the evangelist criticized television for the manner in which it covers large demonstrations.

He said that he had seen anti-Nixon demonstrators in Salzburg, Austria, on television, and he had thought there were about 10,000 protesters from watching the television coverage, but the morning newspapers reported there were only 200.

Although there had been extensive television coverage of civil rights demonstrations in Birmingham in the past, Mr. Graham said, there was a lack of television coverage when thousands gathered at Legion Field to demonstrate "for God and in peace" at the crusade.

In one sermon, Mr. Graham addressed a question that has puzzled many Christians: What is the fate of persons who never heard of Christ, and did not commit their lives to Him?

Such persons, he said, will be judged by the light they have — God's handiwork or His moral law. Americans, however, have been exposed to the Gospel as have those of no other nation, and will be judged by it, he added.

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man of Mobile, Ala., vice president; Jess Odom, Little Rock businessman, secretary - treasurer; James E. Allison, Ida, La., educator; Wren Causey, Columbia, La., medical doctor; Kenneth Harris, Columbia, La., businessman, and Henry Hederman, Jackson, Miss., businessman.

Each of the directors is an active member of a Southern Baptist church. Dr. Allison, a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, served as a pilot in the Army Air Force, a special agent for an insurance company and pastor of several churches.

From 1954 to 1956, he was assistant professor of church history at the New Orleans seminary. He served as associate professor of missions, 1956-60, and professor of evangelism, 1964-66. He was associate director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1966 and 1967.

During his ten-years service in the field of general evangelism, he has led in conferences and meetings, Bible studies and missions conferences in Europe, Africa, the Near East, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Assembly Counselors Named For Glorieta And Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE — Ray Pople, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and David Thomas, a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will serve as counselors this summer at national conference centers for Southern Baptists.

Pople will serve at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., and Thomas will serve at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Thomas has earned the master of theology, master of religious education and education specialist degrees at New Orleans Seminary and is currently in study toward the doctor of education degree.

A rare volume is a borrowed book that comes back.

A man's greatness is to be measured by his usefulness.



Those attending meeting in Gulf Coast Center were, from left: Dr. Foy Rogers, director of Cooperative Missions Department; Rev. John Vandercook, director New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service; Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions of Gulf Coast Association; Dr. L. D. Wood, associate director of language missions, Home Mission Board; Dr. Leon Clark, associate director in charge of military chaplaincy, Home Board, all natives of Mississippi.

Planning Meeting Held On Coast

A meeting was held recently at the Baptist Center of the Gulf Coast Association and attended by pastors from the coast.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions, was to discover ways and open doors for a ministry to internationals at Keesler Air Force Base and others arriving by ship at points on the coast.

Mr. Graham discarded his prepared sermon for the second session of his Alabama Crusade here to preach on violence in the wake of the shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace in a Maryland suburb.

This country has been shaken from the White House to the smallest municipality," he said. "Anyone can no longer campaign openly without fear of violence no matter what his views."

Mr. Graham asked the question: Is the U. S. living through "an orgy of violence?" He said Gov. Wallace had phoned him Sunday afternoon (a day day before the assassination attempt, and told him, "I will be with you from Thursday on."

On the closing day of the crusade, Mr. Graham spoke to Gov. George Wallace by telephone, and was asked by him to thank Alabamians for their prayers for his recovery. He assured the Democratic Presidential candidate that Democrats and Republicans, blacks and whites everywhere were

praying for him.

After concluding the crusade, Mr. Graham left for Europe, where he planned to spend several days visiting offices of his international evangelistic organization before going to Ireland.

Israel Is Saving Biblical Animals From Extinction

EILAT (EP) — Many animals and birds mentioned in the Bible are fast becoming extinct, so Israel has launched a program to rescue them.

"Many of these Old Testament creatures already are extinct in Israel and fast disappearing elsewhere," Reserve General Avraham Yoffe told the Associated Press. "The time to act is now."

Yoffe's reservation for the animals already has more than 70 locations with another 50 yet to be built.



Music Outreach Conferences Held

A series of three Congregational Services and Outreach Conferences was held in the state recently, sponsored by the Church Music Department, Dan Hall, director. Several leaders present at meeting in Parkway Church, Jackson, were, from left, front row: Mrs. Mike Everett, of the Church Music Department staff; Rev. Schuyler Batson, Alexandria, La.; Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Jackson, and Rev. Gerald Mann, Hereford, Texas. Second row: Rev. Bill Stewart, Eupora; Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson, and Mr. Hall.

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"He has provided outstanding leadership in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, at present, serves as president of the Executive Committee of this body."

"To Baptist laymen in Mississippi the presence of Mr. Cooper in any endeavor automatically means that the project in Christian in principle and designed to promote the causes of Christ."

"He has always been willing to give to denominational fund drives as well as other good causes such as United Givers, Heart Fund and the Polio Foundation."

"Baptist laymen in Mississippi would feel honored and well represented by having Mr. Owen Cooper as president of the Southern Baptist Convention."

"The momentum it would give the laymen in the convention would certainly be felt."

"Greater utilization of the manpower in our Southern Baptist Convention is mandatory if we are to ever make the progress that we should."

The convention has elected com-

paratively few laymen as president, choosing ministers in most cases since its beginning in Augusta, Ga., in 1845.

Every few years, however in this century it has elected a layman as leader. The last layman to serve was Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas who was president in 1958-59.

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in Alabama and Kentucky, and is presently filling an interim period at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

Named earlier in the administrative reorganization were Vice - President for Business Affairs Badgett Dillard and Vice - President for Development Wesley M. Pattillo. A third vice-presidential post, in student affairs, has yet to be filled.

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ment to the church, and a commitment to evangelism.

"Through the formal and informal things called renewal, I believe God has begun to move," Chafin said.

He said the Division of Evangelism would be working in renewal evangelism with the state secretaries of evangelism and with other agencies of the convention, especially the Brotherhood Commission, Women's Missionary Union, and the Sunday School Board.

W. J. Isbell of the Brotherhood Commission, and a participant in the Renewal Evangelism Conference, said his agency was creating a department of lay witnessing which would relate not only to the renewal evangelism weekends, but to lay evangelism, and to evangelism crusades in areas where Southern Baptists are not strong numerically.

Hardin said he has a list of experienced coordinators who have been trained in renewal evangelism weekends. Pastors wanting a team of laity for such an experience should contact him or a state secretary of evangelism at least six months in advance of the time he wants to schedule such a weekend.

While the laity travel at their own expense, the church conducting the weekend emphasizes cares for the other expenses of the team. A part of the planned activities is for the team members to be in the homes of church members, quite often those who are not very active, Hardin said.

Finnish Baptists

Elect Mission Secretary

The Finnish-language Baptist Union of Finland has elected Niilo Maenpaa its foreign mission secretary.

He was a missionary to the Cameroons from 1962 until 1970, when he was forced to resign due to an illness in the family. Currently he is pastor of the Baptist church at Tampere.

Several leaders at Mass Motivation Meeting held on Tuesday of last week at First Baptist Church in Laurel, were, from left: Billy Vaughn, host minister of music; Jimmy Cutrell, Gulfport, music leader; Rev. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, speaker; Dr. Joel Ray, Hattiesburg, superintendent of Missions, Mrs. Martha Branham, Dallas, soloist; Dr. David Grant, Jackson, speaker, and Keener Pharr, Florida Baptist Convention, speaker.



Several leaders at Mass Motivation Meeting held at First Baptist Church in Hazlehurst last week were, from left: Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, speaker; Rev. Ray Grissett, Philadelphia, speaker; Dr. Carl Bates, Charlotte, N. C., speaker, and Rev. George Meadows, host pastor.

3000 Attend Motivation Meetings

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State leaders who participated in addition to Mr. Alexander, were Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department and state chairman for the Enlargement Campaign; Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson; Dr. Larry Rohman, pastor of First Church, Jackson; Rev. Ray Grissett, pastor First Church, Philadelphia; Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Hattiesburg Church, Tupelo; Kermit S. King, director of the Church Training Department; Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Dr. Harold Bryson, pastor of First Church, Carthage; Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg and Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven.

Special musicians were: Miss Eva Carol Aultman, student, Ole Miss; Larry Black, minister of music, First Church, Jackson; Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music, First, Gulfport; Miss Susie Fulton, soloist, First Jackson; Tom Larrimore, music evangelism, Jackson, and the Colonials, including Don Legg and Bill Clark; Vernon Polk, minister of music, First, Grenada.

Mr. Cummings, state chairman, said that "a genuine spirit of response and enthusiasm was truly evident in our recent Motivation Meetings. Mississippi Baptists are anticipating a positive way to reach people in our churches and associations."

"The Spirit of '72' is our theme but the reaching of people is our work, our mandate, our mission. There was a definite up-surge of interest on the part of people present in the Motivation Meetings."

"Every Baptist in our state is invited to join in our effort to reach, win and teach people."

Prior to each meeting there was a meal and meeting at 5:30 p. m. for associational leaders, including the superintendent of missions, moderator, board member, Sunday school director and chairman of evangelism.

Each regular meeting began at 7:30 p. m. and closed between 9:00 and 9:30.

"The Spirit of '72' for Mississippi Baptists is 'Enlargement Now,' it was declared by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The climax of the 1972 plan will come during the months of August, September and October, with particular emphasis on September, the month when every church and association will be encouraged to hold director or pastor — led Enlargement — Improvement sessions.

Baptists have shared the love of God in Russia and China by using a giant transmitter in Okinawa to beam the messages behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. Now that Okinawa has returned to Japanese control, the language programs will be sent over a 250,000 watt shortwave station off the coast of South Korea.

of Business Committee of the State Convention. On several occasions he has served as Bible teacher and speaker for state Church Training, Baptist Men, and Baptist Student Conventions.

There has been growth in many areas at First, Holly Springs during the past five years. Over 250 people have joined the church. The budget and mission giving has increased. A total of \$105,000 was pledged on the \$87,500 budget last year. Several young people have entered the ministry. An Adult Bible Class organized by Mr. Little meets each Sunday night with an average attendance of 50. He also organized a Wednesday Noon Prayer service for high school students that averages 100 in attendance. Plans are now being studied for a new Activities Building.

PROBLEM DRINKERS comprise 5% of U. S. adult population. Other facts re alcoholism: it costs economy \$15 billion a year; it contributes directly or indirectly to 28,000 highway deaths annually. (Source: Report by National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.)

Broadman Will Discount New Books At The Convention

NASHVILLE — For the first time at the Southern Baptist Convention, Broadman Press will discount new books by 20% to those attending the 1972 meeting in Philadelphia.

May releases to be sold at a discount are "Teacher's Bible Commem-

tary," by H. Franklin Paschall and Herschel H. Hobbs, "The Power of Positive Preaching to the Lost" by John R. Bisagno, "Salesmanship for Christ" by Ernie Prichard, "Why I Am a Baptist" by Joe T. Odle, "Demons, Demons, Demons" by John Newport, "Highlights of the Book of Revelation" by George R. Beasley-Murray, "The Glory of God" by Fred M. Wood and "Jesus and His Teachings" by Fred L. Fisher.

Other new books included in the special sale are "How to Build an Evangelistic Church" and "The Power of Positive Preaching to the Saved" by John R. Bisagno, "The Key to Triumphant Living" by Jack Taylor, "You Can Reach People Now" by James Coggin and Bernard Spooner, "The Jesus Revolution" (paperback) by William Cannon, "The Scarlet Thread Through the Bible" by W. A. Criswell, "A Quest for Reformation in Preaching" by H. C. Brown Jr., and "Planning Congregational Worship Services" by John T. Wayland.

Additionally, the Broadman booth, occupying one-fourth of the Baptist Book Store this year, will sell a group of "bargain books" at reduced prices.

New Broadman music available at regular prices will include the score, tape and recording for "Celebrate Life!" by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney and the score, tape and recording of "Encounter" by Ed Seabough and Bill Cates.

Broadman supplies available will include bus ministry materials.

Forest Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, has resigned to become pastor of Forest Church, Forest.



Mr. Little was born in Simpson County, and reared in Jackson. He graduated from Forest Hill High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Maxine Townsend from Lena. They have two daughters, Vicki 16, and Kathy 13. The Van Winkle Baptist Church licensed and ordained him. His pastorates have included Leaped Church; Chapel Hill, Utica; Mt. Zion, Brookhaven; Collins; and Magnolia Street, Laurel.

Active in associational work, he has served as moderator, president of Pastors' Conference, Chairman of Evangelism, Chairman of Missions Committee, and Chairman of Executive Committee of Baptist Seminary. At present, he is Second Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, member of the Convention Nominating Committee, member of the Pioneer Missions Committee, and trustee of Blue Mountain College. He is a former member of the Order

Whiteaker Named Annuity Board Vice President

DALLAS (BP) — Kermit E. Whiteaker of Dallas has been elected vice president and assistant to the president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here.

He will join the board's staff May 15, according to Darold H. Morgan, president and chief executive officer of the agency.

Morgan said Whiteaker will establish a pilot project in all phases of pre-retirement and post-retirement guidance and planning for those served by the Annuity Board.

PEOPLE LISTEN to the radio because they're lovely, alienated, feel out of touch, impotent; because they lack means of communication, feel nobody is listening to their problems, that nobody cares. Callers to radio talk jockeys, who preside over popular open mike programs, express their worries, hopes, aspirations directly at the moment. (Source: R. Peter Straus, president, WMCA, New York.)

Laymen Plan Pre-Convention Conference

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — Southern Baptist laymen will participate in a pre-convention conference here on Monday, June 5, one day before the start of the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

The conference is sponsored by the 1972 Laymen's Conference Committee and the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

The afternoon session, to be held at 2:30, will feature speeches by Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and C. E. Price, president of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention. Theme for the session will be "Being: My Spiritual Maturity."

The 7:30 evening session will feature an address by Ken Chafin, director of evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board.

Poplar Springs Dr. Pastor Resigns

Rev. W. E. Baker preached his final sermon at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on May 14. He resigned this pastorate to become program director of the West Alabama Mental Health Complex in Demopolis, Alabama.

Mr. Baker came to the Poplar Springs Drive Church about two and a half years ago. During his pastorate here the church has seen substantial growth. A new educational program has been initiated and successfully put into operation. Membership in the church now stands at 1250 with a better than 45% enrollment in Sunday School.

In his new position Mr. Baker, who is presently writing his dissertation for completion of the requirements for the Doctor of Education degree, will be working in a five - county area of West Alabama in counseling and pastoral care. His educational background is related directly to this field of service with special training in counseling and guidance.

A farewell reception was held in honor of the Bakers at which time they were given a substantial cash gift as a token of the congregation's love and appreciation.

The Bakers and their three children moved to Demopolis, June 1.

Parochial Rejected In Delaware

DOVER, Delaware (C-SNS) — The Delaware House of Representatives voted 24 to 11 today to defeat a \$2.5 million aid to parochial schools bill. The bill would have provided tax aid to parochial schools through the device of vouchers or tuition grants routed through students.

Intensive lobbying for the bill has been carried out by Delawareans United for Education, a Roman Catholic pressure group.

Opposing the bill were Americans United for Separation of Church and State and other religious, educational and civic organizations forming Citizens Advancing Public Schools (CAPS).

MC Sets Six Workshops For Summer School Session

Six workshops or institutes are scheduled for Mississippi College during the summer school session which opens on Monday, June 5.

Special seminars or workshops scheduled during the first term, which runs through July 12 include the College Program for Seniors, Workshop in Business Education, Pre-school Workshop, the American Studies Seminar, and the Music Education Workshop.

Available during the second summer term will be the Health Education Workshop, scheduled to run from July 13 through August 4.

The College Program for Seniors carries six semester hours of undergraduate credit provided the student enrolls at Mississippi College following his graduation from high school. It is open to gifted high school seniors-to-be who desire to get the feel of college life before actually becoming collegians.

Dr. Phillips McCarty, assistant to the president and associate professor of Bible and religious education, is in charge of the high school program.

The Workshop in Business Education offers the participants three semester hours of graduate credit in the field of business. Miss Frances Skulley, associate professor of business education, is coordinating the workshop.

The Pre-school Workshop will run for one week, June 19 through June 24, and carries one or one and one-half semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit, depending on the selection of the enrollee. It is geared for workers in kindergartens and others involved in work with pre-school age children.

Byram To Dedicate Youth Building

Byram Church will on June 4 dedicate debt-free their new Youth Building, which contains a standard high school gym, game room, rest rooms with showers, kitchen, eating nook, work room, T. V. room, weight room, air condition, room, and skate and game equipment room. It is fully equipped and furnished. The dedication program will feature special programs at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Special speakers and singing groups will be included; 442 lbs. of steak has been furnished for the complimentary noon meal which will be served in the gym for all who attend. The slogan for Sunday School goal is a pound per person, 442 in Sunday School. The building has been partially in use for the past month. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is pastor; Alex Owens, building chairman.

Newsletter From The Rays In Tokyo, Japan

May 1, 1972
Dear Friends,

Greetings from Japan. My wife and I arrived at Tokyo International Airport just one month ago, Saturday evening, April 1. A very interesting part of this experience was the two eight-hour rides on the 747 jet plane. The first section was from Dallas to Honolulu where we spent two days. Missionary Curtis Askew met the plane late Wednesday afternoon and we were taken immediately to prayer meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church in Honolulu. Brother Askew is a Mississippian and was a student at Mississippi College during my first year there. He served as pastor in Sunflower County before coming to Japan. He has recently become pastor of the Japanese congregation of the church in Honolulu. We left Honolulu about noon on Friday the last day of March and lost most of Saturday in the air. I am told that we will get it back when we go the other way. The airlines have the perfect solution to guard against fatigue on the long flights. Each time we had an eight-hour meal with a two-hour movie thrown in. No way to get hungry. The Zama Baptist Church of which I have become the pastor is made up of American military personnel stationed at several bases in Japan. Many of the servicemen have wives from various countries of the world and a few local Japanese people attend. The congregation is quite international. There are several mission projects which these people sponsor. We have attended a Saturday night English-speaking Bible class for Japanese young people on two occasions. The Japanese Christians like the English Bible classes very much for this enables them to learn the Scriptures and to practice their English language studies. All of the young are taught English in the public schools. There is a Japanese Baptist Church right around the corner from the parsonage where we live. I have become well acquainted with the pastor who speaks English quite well, though he preaches only in Japanese.

The Zama Baptist Church has just about the usual Baptist church program with Sunday School, Training Union, and preaching services on Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday. We are presently meeting in a building on one of the military reservations which is a temporary arrangement. We are in the process of

buying land and starting a building program. You might get a picture of the high cost of living here when I state that the cost of the land will be about eighty-thousand dollars. That will buy about one-third of the land which North Greenwood Baptist Church already owns. The building will occupy almost every square inch of the lot. There is no land to waste in Japan. The Japan Baptist Mission of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has an excellent program going on here. That means that you have a part in this work and all of us in this work here appreciate you very much. I can see now better than ever before the value of the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Church members here are very dedicated to the work of the church. For one thing there are not many other interests for these people. Unless you have lived for a month in a place where you could read about one sign in a million and speak to about one person in a thousand, you probably cannot get the picture. I was foolish enough to start driving the first week we were here. These people drive on the left side of the road and the controls are on the right side of the car. Add this to the fact that traffic is worse here than anywhere. I have ever lived. The most frustrating experience I have had was getting lost in Tokyo one night trying to get back to the apartment house where we were then staying. I stopped to ask questions and directions of numerous people and found no one who at all could speak English. Finally, I stopped at a phone booth and called a missionary friend. Then we stopped a lady walking down the street; she

talked with him in Japanese and told him where we were, then I talked with him in English and ultimately got back to the right place. When all of his takes place near the midnight hour it can get rather tiresome. This has been a very exciting experience thus far. I am amazed with how much I have learned even at my age. We look forward to going on to Malaysia but have heard no further word on developments there. We continue to receive mail indicating their strong desire for us to come. The lack of a visa is still the problem. The most impressive thing about being in Japan is the great host of people. In every direction there are thousands of people. Our street must have a million kids. I am told that more people pass through the Shinjuku train station each day than any other spot on earth. You should be here at the rush hour as I have been. The Japanese people are so polite; they bow just before running over you to get on the train. I have seen one trampled by the mobs but I do not understand why. One must be quite agile and very aggressive. The standard of living is quite high and the cost of living is almost out of sight. Construction of apartment buildings, bowling lanes and department stores is going on everywhere one looks. Japan is really on the way up. Pray for us as we try to reach some of these millions for Christ and His Kingdom. We have already received more blessings than one could expect. Thank you again for all of your graciousness to us and our children. We would be pleased to hear from you and to learn of the growth and prosperity of the church.

Charles A. Ray
(Former pastor, North Greenwood, Greenwood, Ms.)

Meal-On-The-Roof Pastor Withholds Further Promises

CONCORDIA, Kansas (EP) — Assembly of God pastor Donald Gatlin promised his new congregation last June that he would eat his noon meal on the high, steep roof of his church if 50 came to services. They did and he did.

In August he said if 100 came he would repeat his feat. Recently attendance reached 103 and the pastor repeated the climbing and the dining.

His most recent promise is that he won't make any more "rash promises."

Thursday, June 1, 1972

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Downtown Jackson Churches To Sponsor Family Life Seminar

The Family Life Seminar planned in Jackson for June 2 and 3 is co-sponsored by the downtown churches of Jackson: First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Galloway Methodist, St. Andrews Episcopal, and First Christian, along with the Campus Crusade for Christ.

The seminar will be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Friday night, June 2, beginning at 7 o'clock, and all day Saturday, June 3, beginning at 8:30 a. m. and closing by 4:30 p. m.

Dr. Tim LaHaye, pastor and lecturer, and author of several books, including *How to Be Happy Though Married*, will be in Jackson to speak at the seminar, along with Dr. Henry Brandt, Christian psychologist.

Dr. LaHaye is one of the nation's most popular speakers on the subject of family life. His Family Life Seminars have helped to save and enrich hundreds of marriages.

His books have sold over 400,000 copies. During his twenty-three years of ministry he has specialized in the field of counseling.

The results he has witnessed, of the application of Biblical principles to human problems, has deepened his conviction that God's Word has the answer to the interpersonal relationships that are breaking down today. Dr. LaHaye is now the pastor of Scott Memorial Baptist Church of San Diego.

Dr. Henry Brandt is one of the country's most well-known men in the field of Christian psychology. He has been a Christian counselor for almost 20 years and has authored many books which have been read by thousands of people throughout America.

Currently he is a special representative for Campus Crusade for Christ in the areas of personnel training, consultant on administration, speaker at Pastor Institutes

Tax Credit Pamphlet Is Published By Americans United

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — With tax credits for parochial school tuition emerging as one of the hottest issues in 1972, Americans United for Separation of Church and State has issued a new pamphlet explaining and attacking the tax credit proposals recently introduced in Congress. According to Americans United, these bills could divert as much as \$2 billion in public funds annually to parochial and private schools.

Tax credits "would benefit only churches and private organizations whose schools enroll children from affluent families," Americans United charges. They would "discriminate against the poor and the 90% of American families who utilize public schools."

Americans United is one of several organizations currently in court challenging the constitutionality of a Minnesota tax credit law.

The May issue of CHURCH & STATE, published monthly by Americans United, features an article on tax credits, with an in depth analysis of the financial implications for both public schools and individual taxpayers.

Copies of "Tax Credits" may be obtained from: Americans United, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

36 Mississippians Graduate From New Orleans Seminary

The following persons with Mississippi connections received degrees from New Orleans Seminary in spring commencement exercises May 14:

Doctor of Theology degree: Fisher Henry Humphreys of Columbus; John Norman Langlois, pastor, Terry Church; Paul Lowell Smith, pastor, Ethel Church; Paul W. Stevens of Columbus.

Master of Theology, Honors Program: Donald Nelson Bostman of Magnolia; Ronald A. Hazlett, pastor, Concord Church, McCall Creek; Ronald Glenn Kirkland of Liberty, pastor, Mt. Pleasant Church, Bogu Chitto; Grant Charles McDonald, pastor, Oak Grove Church, Smithdale; Theodore Patrick Milas, Pastor, Michael Memorial Church, Gulfport; Donnie Vernon Parker of Pass Christian; William Robert Patten, pastor, Schlatter Church; William Timothy Sanford of Poplarville, pastor, Oak Grove Church, Mt. Olive; Talmadge E. Smith of Brookhaven, pastor, New Hope Church, Monticello; Philip W. Stone, associate pastor, First Church, McComb; R. Duwayne Tullis of Jackson; Robert Frank Wilson, pastor, Arlington Church, Bogu Chitto.

Master of Theology degree: Bennie Robert Carlisle of Bay Springs, pastor, Calhoun Church, Taylorsville; James Ronald Estes of Laurel, pastor, Calvary Church, Ellisville; James Walter Hickman of Picayune, pastor, Unity Church, Picayune, (photo not available); Henry H. Hobson, pastor, Bala Chitto Church, Magnolia; Roy E. Houston of Tupelo; Thomas Albert Leggett, Jr., pastor, Fernwood Church, Gulfport; William David McGowan, Jr., pastor, Causeville Church, Meridian; Joseph Ivey Strahan of Louisville, pastor, Union Church, Crosby; Henry Eugene Triplett of Macon; Johnny L. Walker of Waynesboro, pastor, Trinity Church, Waynesboro.

Doctor of Education degree: Carroll Benton Freeman of Petal; Jerry W. Gill, pastor, State Line Church; Charles Dill Phillips of Drew; Jonathan H. Waddell of Crystal Springs.

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A few experienced and well-qualified graduate of New Orleans Seminary are still available for positions as pastors and church staff members. Pulpit committees and personnel committees of churches seeking such persons are invited to contact Mr. Bob May, Church Work Consultant, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.



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EDITORIAL

A Mississippian As SBC President?

No Mississippian ever has been president of the Southern Baptist Convention, although several men from our state have served as vice-presidents, and one or two ex-Mississippians have occupied the presidential office.

There is a distinct possibility that a Mississippian might be chosen for the position this year. That Mississippian is Mr. Owen Cooper, layman from Yazoo City, who has served Southern Baptists in many capacities, and even at this time is the Chairman of Southern Baptists' most powerful committee, the Executive Committee. However, this is just one of many places of denominational leadership which have been occupied by Mr. Cooper, both in his own state, the national convention, and in the Baptist World fellowship.

The reason we can say that there is a real reason to believe that Mr. Cooper may be elected this year, is that in its recent history the convention has chosen a layman as its president about every dozen years. The last layman was Brooks Hays of Arkansas who served in 1958-59, and before him was Pat Neff of Texas who was president in 1944-46. (There was no convention in 1945). In the past few years many Southern Baptists have been saying that it again was time to elect a layman.

That is being said again this year, and with stronger voice than usual. Already, two Southern Baptist publications have endorsed him. They are the *Indiana Baptist*, and the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina. It is possible that some others have done that in issues of their publications which we have not yet seen.

Certainly, the Baptist Record endorses Mr. Cooper, although we have not done so earlier, for the very obvious reason that Southern Baptists have not looked very kindly toward anything that appeared to be a campaign for any man for this office. Usually when a campaign has been launched it has meant sure defeat for a man. We have felt that it would be necessary for the rising tide of support for Mr. Cooper to come from outside the state, if he were to be elected, since most of his fellow Mississippians would

be supporting him anyway. Now that support is coming from other areas, as we hoped it would.

Mr. Cooper is a logical selection for the presidency of our convention. He is a proven Baptist leader, having served his denomination faithfully from the local church and state convention, to vice-president in 1968 of the Southern Baptist Convention, and at the present time a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. He was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1955-56. As we said, he is at the present time, Chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

He is a successful business man who would bring to the denominational office a broad knowledge of world problems and world needs. Probably no Southern Baptist layman has a broader knowledge of Southern Baptists and their work, since he has traveled all over the nation, led mission tours to several of the pioneer areas, as well as overseas, worked with Baptists in all areas of the convention, and

has visited many of the foreign mission fields. Moreover, it is probable that no layman in our convention is more widely known to Southern Baptist people.

Mr. Cooper has been very active in the laymen's division of the Baptist World Alliance, where he is at the present time a vice-president. He also is president of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men which will be meeting in Cali, Columbia, later this summer.

While there has been, of necessity, no official endorsement of Mr. Cooper for the SBC presidency by Mississippi Baptists, since that is not the way SBC presidents are chosen, he could, without doubt, receive the enthusiastic support of a large percentage of Baptists in the state. This is evidenced by the story of recent action by some state Baptist laymen, as reported on page one of this issue of the Record.

Numbers of Mississippians will be hoping that Mr. Cooper is chosen as president of the convention when it meets in Philadelphia next week.

Thank You, Mr. President!

I am sure that no man ever expects to be or needs to be thanked for going to church. To the man or woman who loves the Lord Jesus Christ attending church is the normal and natural thing to do.

Yet, there come times when the mere attendance of a church service becomes a symbolic witness, that reaches far beyond the meaning of the act itself. The worship was of God; the testimony was to others.

Such was the occasion of the attendance by President and Mrs. Nixon of the Sunday morning worship service at the Baptist Church in Moscow last Sunday. The action was a normal procedure for the President and his wife. The testimony was one of the strongest witnesses given during the entire Moscow trip.

Mr. Nixon was in a land where

church going is not the normal practice of a vast majority of the people. It certainly is not the practice, if reports are true, of the men with whom he was dealing in the Summit Conference. According to their own Communist avowals, they are atheists, and church attendance would be the very last thing they ever would do.

Yet, in the midst of the world shaking conferences which Mr. Nixon was having with those men, he and his wife chose, when the Lord's day came, to go to church. They joined with the reportedly small minority of people in that nation, who go to God's house on Sunday morning, or at any other time.

Think of the witness that gave to the men with whom Mr. Nixon was conferring. They may have sneered at the act, or despised it, but they could not ignore it. The man who stands out as one of the strongest leaders in the world, took time out in the midst of important conferences, to go to God's house to worship.

Think of the witness to the hundreds of millions of people of Russia, who evidently were told of this act of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, even though it probably was played down in the reporting. Nevertheless, if the people of Russia were allowed to know about it, they could not but be impressed that the leader from America would take time to go to church.

One of the greatest blessings came to the people of the little Baptist church itself. To have the President and the First Lady of the United States, worshipping with them, was an encouragement beyond compare. News reports say that the President joined in singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." They were singing in one language and he in another, but before the throne of God the worship was the same. The sermon was in Russian, but was interpreted for him.

The President's action also was a testimony to the whole world, because news and photographs of this action, were carried by Telstar television to the entire world.

It is our hope that the President got to talk to Kremlin leaders concerning religious freedom, and the rights of all men freely to worship God, but we are not sure that this subject ever got on the agenda. Even if it did not, by attending church the President made his position clear.

Ordinarily we do not thank Christians for going to church. We cannot keep from thanking the President for his action in going to church in Moscow last Sunday.

participant to find the will of God and do it.

3. Our prayer would be that the decisions which are made will be clear evidence that Southern Baptists still are right in the center of that middle of the road conservatism, which so long has characterized them, holding to the truth of an authoritative, inspired, infallible Bible as the basis of all that we are and that we do as a denomination.

4. We would hope that there will be such expressed concern for evangelism and missions as the heart of our ministry, that the convention will prove to be a launching pad for the greatest period of advance in these areas that the denomination ever has known.

5. We would pray that the Southern Baptist witness will be a positive voice amid the pessimism which characterizes many of the Christian bodies today. May we be able to say that here is one large denomination of today which is not retrenching or losing ground, but is continuing to march forward under the banner of Christ. May there be such a spirit of optimism that pastors and leaders will return to their churches and offices encouraged to move into the greatest endeavors and programs they ever have attempted.

7. May Philadelphia bring new unity, new fellowship, new dedication, and new inspiration for Baptists to fill the place God has given them in this modern world.

If these things can happen in Philadelphia, it will, in my thinking, be the greatest convention we have had in many years.

The Editor Muses About Philadelphia

Within just a few days after you read this, hundreds of Mississippians, along with thousands of other Southern Baptists will assemble in Philadelphia, for the 115th convention of the organization's 127 year history.

Already we have written concerning what we think will happen in Philadelphia, as far as business action is concerned. Also, we have given publicity to the many events which are scheduled for the convention and its related organizations.

Nevertheless, we continue to think concerning the coming sessions, for much is being written concerning them in the denominational papers, and various individuals have discussed them with us. As we have mused, certain wishes or desires have arisen within us, and perhaps a prayer concern has formed within us of what we should like to see happen in the City of Brotherly Love when Southern Baptists are gathered there next week. Let me express some of those wishes openly:

1. First, we should like to see this be a meeting in which the Holy Spirit will be given full control from beginning to end. May such a spiritual atmosphere prevail in every session, that messengers will return home praising God for His presence in the meeting.

2. May there be such a spirit of unity even in the diversity of thinking and debate, which seem most certainly to be coming, that all of the discussion will be in the spirit of Christ, with a sincere purpose on the part of every

NEWEST BOOKS

A COWARD'S GUIDE TO WITNESSING by Ken Anderson (Creation, 157 pp., \$3.95). In a straight forward and disarming manner the author discusses the problems of fear in the matter of person witness. This is one of the most helpful and practical discussions of personal soul-winning that we have seen. It is a fresh approach which should be helpful to many, many people.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN EARLY CHRISTIAN TIMES A.D. 400-800 by Charles Thomas (McGraw-Hill, 144 pp., \$5.95). With deep research the author has examined the history of Christianity in Britain and Ireland from the fifth to eighth centuries. Those interested in studying Christianity in Medieval times will enjoy these pages. The book is profusely illustrated with photographs, paintings, drawings and maps.


EVER INCREASING FAITH by Smith Wigglesworth (Gospel Publishing House, 176 pp., pocketbook, \$95). Reprint of a popular book which first appeared in 1924. Deals with

the gifts of the Holy Spirit from the Pentecostal point of view.

THE KENNEDY EXPLOSION by E. Russell Chandler (David C. Cook, pocketbook, paper, 125 pp., \$95). The amazing story of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida which under the leadership of its pastor, Dr. James Kennedy, has become one of the leading witnessing and soul-winning churches in America. These pages tell how it happened.

THE GOD WHO UNDERSTANDS ME by Gladys M. Hunt (Harold Shaw Publishers, 87 pp., paper, \$1.25). A series of 15 studies on the Sermon on the Mount for use in neighborhood, student and church Bible study groups. The book is a text book guiding in study and including many questions with a place for writing the answers.

WHEN LOVE IS LOST by Donald J. Tyrell (Word Books, 155 pp., \$4.95) This is a book by a clinical psychologist, about normal personality growth—and how love "makes it happen."



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board
—Wilde Fancher—

My World—My Home

Brights will be the crowns of those who give their lives to go to help far away people learn the elements of better living and at the same time, show them the Way of Life. My home shall uphold them in prayer and shall understand them better by looking all along its highways to see how great the need for such is here—and looking for opportunities to instruct those who seek our friendship and advice.

My home shall see the hedges of the world much better after it goes into its own hedges and sees the multitudes of people.

On the outskirts of Jerusalem a young man was killed. He was killed with His own permission, his only effort at evasion of death—being a brief plea, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." There was no one to whom the cup could be passed, so his death was completed—that others might



Divine Sufficiency

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Chester Swor Reports To His "Stockholders"

Dear Friends:

Many readers of our Baptist Record will recall that, in the late summer of 1971, I shared items concerning my plans beyond that time, indicating that the 1971-1972 school session would be my last full schedule of speaking, and asking prayer investments for that period. Because I have experienced unprecedented spiritual strength in these months, I want to share some highlights of the 1971-1972 session with those who through prayer help have become "stockholders" in my work.

During the nine months period now ending, I have had the privilege of speaking on 30 campuses and in 27 churches in a geographical area extending from Virginia to Arizona, and from Missouri to South Florida. In speaking more than 400 times, counseling often, and traveling constantly, I have felt the sustenance of prayers of many friends. I have experienced wonderfully the truth of Charles Bowser's splendid poem in behalf of missionaries:

"Because you prayed,
God touched our weary bodies with
His power
And gave us strength
For many a trying hour
In which we might have faltered,
Had not you, our intercessors,
Faithful been and true."

The results of these months have been little short of phenomenal in youth interest and response and in thousands of commitments made. I am deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for my work; for, in so doing, you have made vital investments and are entitled to the dividends of joy for the significant results.

The future? On June 8, I shall have eye surgery in our Baptist Hospital in Jackson, for which experience I seek your prayers. For the best recovery, I shall spend the entire summer in Jackson.

From the fall forward, I shall fill only a light schedule of speaking; and I hope that, from 1973 forward, I can do a large amount of writing. Since, from now forward, I shall have more leisure, I shall be happy to reciprocate the very real favor which so many have accorded me in praying for my work. So, do let me know of any prayer needs you may have, and I shall be happy to join you in the fellowship of prayer.

Gratefully,
Chester E. Swor
902 Whitworth Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Approves Convention Action Interpretation

Dear Brother Odle:

Let me express deepest appreciation for your excellent editorial "Southern Baptists Look To Philadelphia" (5-18-72), especially for your comments concerning why such issues as the Commentary are disturbing the convention. Thank you for pointing out that those who are concerned are not anti-Southern Baptists "who have slipped into our fellowship, with the purpose of destroying our convention."

I could wish that your editorial could be in the hands of every Southern Baptist as once again we are being brought face to face with the most important doctrine in our faith—the authority, trustworthiness, and infallibility of the only book we have—the Bible.

If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound on this fundamental doctrine, Southern Baptists are in trouble.

May the Philadelphia Convention be one which will long be remembered for its reaffirmation by Southern Baptists of our absolute allegiance to and defense of the "one faith, one Lord, one Baptism"—and to **ONE LOYALTY**—the Word of God, both incarnate and written.

Worth C. Grant, Washington, D. C.

Pastor Objects To Actions Of Governor

Dear Dr. Odle:

The enclosed clipping appeared in the Biloxi Herald on Sunday, May 14. A superficial reading will indicate that our governor deacon, the honorable Bill Waller, has not conducted himself in accord with our Baptist expression of the Christian faith.

We on the Coast do not have to tell you how difficult our work is. We do not command great numbers nor do we wield great power. Anything that happens here that gives the indication of division of philosophy or direction hazards the work even more.

You were quick to praise, and rightly so, the prayer meeting held by the governor at the start of his inauguration. I'm sure you will be as quick now to point out error.

Robert E. Self
Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Biloxi
(The clipping was from the Gulfport-Biloxi Daily Herald. It told of the "First Shrimp Jamboree" and mentioned a "champagne social" and a party. A photograph shows Governor Waller dancing with the "Jamboree Queen." Ed.)

SEMINARY—Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia have set a tentative goal of one million new converts by 1981. Indonesian Baptists related to several groups now number about 20,000. Also, an unofficial goal of 200 Southern Baptist missionaries under appointment to Indonesia by 1981 has been projected, compared with the 108 missionaries there now. The goals were announced following two conferences that grew out of principles and directions proposed last year in a meeting of the Indonesian Baptist Mission (missionary organization).

not have to undergo the ravages of sin and death.

All over my town young men and women are being killed spiritually by the ravages of sin. Who will tell them of that other young man whose death was for them?

Will the man who sells them their whiskey?

Will the man who provides a place for them to gamble?

Will some arresting officer?

Will some defending lawyer?

Will his father? Will his mother?

Will you? Will I?

Will anyone?

Consider me—I am a woman.

Consider you—you are a woman.

Our energy is tremendous.

Consider your world—your home.

Consider my world—my home.

Let us direct our energy toward a better world—a better home . . . toward the best world—the best home . . . toward a saved world—the Christian world.

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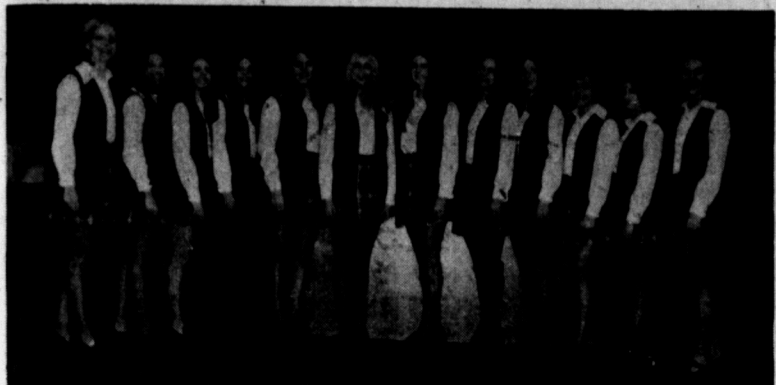
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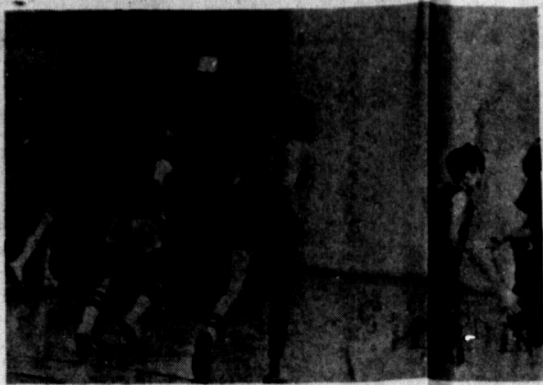
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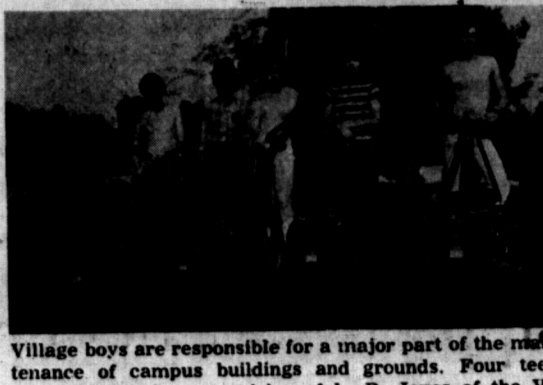
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"The Treble Teens", popular choral group, Baptist Children's Village, has become the symbol of the Village's activity of therapeutic music to thousands of Mississippi Baptists.



The gymnasium in Hester Activities Building is the scene of action for one of the Village's six basketball teams, coached by "Cotton" Foster, Director of Activities.



Village boys are responsible for a major part of the maintenance of campus buildings and grounds. Four teenagers, under the supervision of L. R. Jones of the Village's maintenance staff, have just completed a lawn mowing assignment.



Swimming in the Village pool is important to these little ones and important to the Activities Staff which directs them.

Baptist Children's Village Maintains Varied, Structured Program Of Activities

Seventy-five years ago, in the summer of 1897, Mississippi children, in need because their natural homes and families had failed them, at least temporarily, were receiving food, clothing, shelter and home care and training in Jackson through the efforts of Mississippi Baptists' young child care agency. In the summer of 1972, as that agency continues to observe its 75th or diamond anniversary, boys and girls of this state, referred by the Baptist churches of this state, and who are in need because their natural homes and families have



Graduation Day, 1972, at Clarke College, found Rev. and Mrs. Russell Cottingham remembering that they had met as students on the campus of the college and had shared graduation as a married couple. They realized that history had repeated itself as they were joined by their son, Ronnie, and his bride of a year, the former Beverly Mizell, who are this year sharing their graduation from Clarke College. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Cottingham make their home in Crystal Springs where he is pastor of Highland Church. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cottingham will be on the Newton campus through the summer and Ronnie will be fulfilling engagements with The Trailmen Quartet.

Colonial Heights Church Pastor Resigns

After almost 16 years as pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Old Canton Road, Jackson, Rev. Sam Mason resigned Sunday, May 21.

Mr. Mason had been the only pastor of the 16-year-old church.

During this period 1,572 people have joined Colonial Heights with 453 for baptism. Budget receipts have totaled \$900,000 with \$126,066 being contributed to world missions. Present church property is valued at \$450,000. Present membership is 868.

Colonial Heights has been consistently among the leading churches in the state in both total and per capita Cooperative Program giving.

Mr. Mason is a native Mississippian with most of his maturing years spent at Ruth in Lincoln County. He graduated with Special Distinction from Mississippi College in 1955. He was the recipient of the Miles Damper Memorial Award in 1954. He graduated from New Orleans Seminary in 1963.

Mrs. Mason, the former Esther Gunnell of Ruth, has served as Sunday School teacher every year and as kindergarten teacher since the church began a kindergarten ministry in 1960.

N. O. Alumni Are Challenged To Give \$10,000 For Student Aid

Alumni of the New Orleans Seminary are being challenged to give \$10,000 for student aid during the next year, and to adopt student aid as an immediate and ongoing permanent project.

The recommendation, which will be presented at the national alumni luncheon in Philadelphia, was adopted by the national alumni officers and state alumni presidents during a recent workshop on the seminary campus.

The New Orleans Seminary Alumni Luncheon in Philadelphia, at which the recommendation will be presented, will be Wednesday, June 10, at 1:00 p.m., in the Class of 1920 Dining Room on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. Tickets for the luncheon, which is in easy walking distance of the convention hall, may be secured from the New Orleans Seminary, booth at the Southern Baptist Convention at \$3.50 each.

WORLD POPULATION graph looks like this: 250 million at time of birth of Christ; 1 billion by 1850; 2 billion by 1930; 3 billion by 1960; 4 billion by 1975; 5 billion by 1986. Fastest growth rate: Latin America (2.9% per year). Next, Africa (2.6%) and Asia, excluding Russia (2.3%). By the year 2000, 81% of world's people will be living in those areas. (Source: United Nations.)

failed them, at least temporarily, are still receiving food, clothing, shelter and home care and training as mission guests of The Baptist Children's Village, which marked its 75th birthday on May 12, 1972.

Experienced staff members at the Village remind visitors that the problems and needs of the children under care in 1972 are more complicated and complex, and frequently seem the more tragic because of the complicated and complex social, economic, moral and spiritual challenges of our society in 1972. The staff at the

Village points out that Christian child care must therefore provide more than the food, clothing, shelter, home care and training which has consistently characterized the Mississippi Baptist mission to children, home and family through these 75 years.

Paul Nunnery, superintendent of Baptist Children's Village, has called attention to the varied program of activities which the village provides for the boys and girls under campus care in Jackson during every day of the year, and which, it is maintained, fills a vital need in meeting the challenge of social, emotional, moral and spiritual complexities which accompany every child admitted to Village care. According to the staff, these programs are absolutely essential to the arrest and resolution of the peculiar disturbance of mind and heart which is common to every boy and girl who becomes the responsibility of the Baptist child care agency. In commenting upon the Village's multifaceted schedule of activities for the children, Superintendent Nunnery has said, "If these boys and girls are to be saved for society and for God, we must maintain a staff of Christian adults, with special training, talent and temperament, to plan and lead our children and young people in a structured program of Christian activities, expressly designed as a mission service to boys and girls who have lost their faith in living — lost their way in life."

The most casual visit to the Village's beautiful Flag Chapel Drive campus in 1972, indicates that there are few idle hands, idle minds or idle hours among the hundreds of boys and girls who are committed for care to that campus each year.

The Village activities for children include a full-time and professionally directed Department of Music, offering both choral and instrumental training to the young people under campus care. Choral music is required for all Village children through the first six grades in school, and while it is optional for all Village young people of Junior High school and high school age, the Village staff points out that virtually every teen-aged boy and girl on the Village campus is voluntarily enrolled in choral music activities. Mrs. Curtis (Jan) Nix has been a member of the Village's music staff for eight years and has been the Director of the Department of Music for the past seven years. Her choral groups, particularly "The Treble Teens," "The Villagers," and "The Teen Choir," are well-known to Mississippi Baptists; averaging approximately 200 public appearances each year in Baptist churches across the state, in service and civic clubs and at the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention. Several piano recitals and choral music presentations each year are open to the public on the Village campus. The most popular and widely attended production of the Village's Department of Music is "Christmas Sparkles at the Village," the annual presentation of music of the season at Christmas by representatives of all of the choirs at the Village, usually including the voices of 130 boys and girls from age 4 to age 18. Approximately 2200 guests gathered in Hester Activities Building on the Village campus in December of 1971 for this unusual musical production, and hundreds had to be turned away because even standing room had been exhausted.

Under the supervision of David "Cotton" Foster, Director of Activities on the Village staff, a full sched-

ule of recreational and athletic opportunities is followed throughout the year for boys and girls of all ages. An average of six different teams for children of various ages, represent the village in church - league competition in the Jackson area in seasonal sports. The trophy case at the Village is filled with awards earned by these teams. Planned and supervised sports and recreational activities for those children who do not participate in team sports, includes indoor and outdoor skating, swimming, a miniature golf course, bicycling on the 1/4 miles of Village streets and playground activities of virtually every sort. July 4 in the Village's De-



Chaplains' Retreat In Germany

W. C. FIELDS, Public Relations Secretary, Executive Committee, SBC and former editor of the Baptist Record, and James W. Kelly, director, Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, participated in the recent annual retreat of Baptist chaplains, laymen and their families at Berchtesgaden, Germany. Fields, who was in Europe on another mission, is shown (upper left arrow) in the picture along with a portion of the Bible class which he taught during the four day session. Kelly (upper right arrow) represented the Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission and the Home Mission Board. The Baptist Assembly at Berchtesgaden is sponsored each year by all categories of Baptist chaplains and laymen from military installations in Belgium, Germany, Italy and England. Chaplain Ralph Goff, a Southern Baptist, (bottom arrow) served as president of the organization this year.

A Tribute To A Saint

By Gary G. Berry, Pastor Bayou View Church, Gulfport

Yesterday I helped bury a lady whose love for God has made an eternal impression in my life and the lives of countless others who knew her. This brief sketch is shared with you as a tribute to Mrs. Winnie Tuggle in hopes that it may strengthen you who try so courageously to serve the Lord.

The cross this family was called upon to bear was a child born over 47 years ago with a serious and paralyzing birth defect. For all those years she has been cared for as an infant of 12 months (the feeding, changing, and sitting up nights) although physically she is an adult, except for the twisted and deformed body. Daily I have seen those noble parents, both in their seventies, lift that daughter in the car, fold the wheelchair and come to God's house. There, because of their age and weakness, both would lift her back into the wheelchair and then come inside for Bible Study and worship. They did in spite of age, weather or other hindrances.

As this pastor watched those two silver-haired saints, they gave untold

inspiration. Oh, how they really loved Jesus and their church! Their devotion put me to shame as I considered the times "little things" had been allowed to deter my allegiance to God. If ever anybody responded to the call of Jesus to "take up your cross daily and follow me," it was this man and this woman. Then on Sunday, Mother's Day, God called that frail little mother to be with Him. She died quietly, as she had lived. She left more behind than the poor, bewildered daughter and the brokenhearted and lonely husband. Only eternity shall tell just how much more. But this I know, there is more—much, much more.

Always borrow from a pessimist. He never expects to be repaid.



A woodland chapel is a quiet spot at Camp Mondamin.



Boys go boating in the Strong River.

Wildwood To Celebrate 22nd Anniversary

Wildwood Church, Laurel, Mississippi will have Homecoming Services on June 4. This Homecoming will be the celebration of the twenty-second anniversary of the church.

Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton, pictured, former pastor, who is presently pastor of the Riverside Church in New Orleans, will be the speaker at the morning service. Dinner will be served on the grounds, and a special afternoon service of music will follow at two o'clock. "All former pastors, staff members and members are urged to attend," says Rev. Billy G. Johnson, present pastor.

Bookings May Be Made Now

Church Groups Are Encouraged To Look Over Camp Mondamin—For Summer Fun Outdoors

"It's probably one of the most unspoiled areas in Mississippi — Camp Mondamin, located on the Strong River in Simpson County.

"You can scoot down the crystal clear river in a canoe or hike through the woods and get your quota of red-bugs and ticks. There are horses, cabins, archery ranges, skeet traps and even a filter concrete swimming pool. The river, however, holds more attraction as a swimming hole.

"But there's a problem. Camp Mondamin — operated by the YWCA of Jackson — is in a bit of financial trouble and hanging on to the scenic 300 acres isn't as easy as it sounds." So says Joe Robertson, General Director of the YMCA, who is insistent

that "God's good green landscape" isn't going to be sold out and used for commercial purposes. He wants to turn the camp from a resident camp for boys to a family camping center and rental group usage. That change is coming this summer in time for families and church groups to take advantage of the outdoor setting.

"We'd like to encourage church groups to look us over," Robertson said. "We're already getting group bookings and it looks like this might be the answer to saving the camp."

Interested groups who would like to use the camp for any length of time can call the Clinton "Y" 924-5812 for reservation. Anyone touring the sprawling camp near Pinola will find

an ideal setting for youth retreats, church outings, or a fun family reunion.

"One of the big attractions is their great food," says Mr. Robertson. "There is a kitchen and arrangements can be made to feed 10 or 100. Eleven cabins will house up to 100 in semi-rough conditions. There is also space for tents and trailers. A family or group can take a canoe trip down the river, and arrange to be picked up at a pre-designated place and not have to worry about fighting upstream again."

There are no distractions and as Robertson says, "You shift down here, you just can't stay all revved up. . . not out here. You come away a different person."

reading are conducted throughout the summer months on the Village campus for elementary school children, selected through testing and screening procedures, who have seriously defective reading habits. The Village administration asserts that its remedial reading program, now in its 9th year, has been the single most effective service in improving the study habits and academic records of children under care. The remedial reading program is directed by Miss Hilda Harper, a professional public school teacher in the remedial reading field, who is also an "alumnus" of the Village, having made her home in the child care agency from age 7 through college graduation.

Activities at The Baptist Children's Village also extend outside those areas which are normally considered as recreational in nature. Throughout the summer months, all girls, ages 13 and older are enrolled in a Village - conducted schedule of sewing classes, and all boys in the same age group are enrolled in a Village-conducted schedule of vocational shop training. Staff members responsible in the activities field at the Village emphasize that all activities — from music to vocational shop — are designed as "therapy," or as a "healing sort of social and emotional medicine" directed by Christians in a Christian - home atmosphere. It is further emphasized that the Village staff has found that these activities not only heal emotional hurt but provide effective means of communication by the children with those staff members who are undertaking to lead the children to a more stable and a safer pattern of living.

Even the task of maintaining the 20 buildings, 147 acres of land and 1 1/2 miles of streets on the Flag Chapel Drive campus has been included in the schedule of therapeutic activities, according to the Village administration. "We take some pride in the fact that our beautiful community of homes for children is literally being maintained through the work of children," asserts T. D. Rodgers, Home Life Director at the Village, who is responsible for administrative control over all campus life.

As it begins its 76th year, The Baptist Children's Village believes that it is preparing dependent boys and girls for stable and productive living in a complex 20th century society through an interesting and unique life of activity.

Baptist School Elects Woman Vice-President

WACO, Tex. (BP) — Mrs. Donna M. Denton, senior internal auditor for Baylor University here, has been named the first woman vice president in the Texas Baptist school's history.

Mrs. Denton, who will serve as vice president of business and financial affairs at Baylor, is also believed to be the first woman vice president of any Texas Baptist school.

READ GENESIS CHAPTER 1:

GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE LIGHTS IN THE SKY TO IDENTIFY THE DAY AND THE NIGHT. THEY SHALL BRING THE SEASONS AND MARK THE DAYS AND YEARS." THIS WAS THE FOURTH DAY.

Bible Adventures Illustrated

THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE WATERS BE FILLED WITH FISH AND OTHER LIFE, AND THE SKIES BE FILLED WITH BIRDS OF EVERY KIND." AND GOD LOOKED AT THEM WITH PLEASURE.

THIS WAS THE FIFTH DAY.

AND GOD SAID, "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH EVERY KIND OF ANIMAL." AND GOD WAS PLEASED WITH WHAT HE HAD DONE.



THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE A MAN TO BE THE MASTER OF ALL LIFE UPON THE EARTH AND IN THE SKIES AND IN THE SEAS." MAN AND MAID DID MAKE THEM. THIS ENDED THE SIXTH DAY.

Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

'The Collegian' Is First

The Mississippi Collegian, Mississippi College's student newspaper, has earned first place in the annual typographical contest conducted by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Guy Land of Eupora, 1971-72 editor, received notification of the top ranking.

The first place award means the Mississippi Collegian is in the opinion of CSPA judges, the best publication in its classification in the area of typography. Typography refers to the basic general appearance of the paper — headlines, layout variety, pleasing appearance.

Fernwood Homecoming

Fernwood Church at 2307 Pass Rd. in Gulfport will hold its annual homecoming on June 11. The morning service will begin at 11 and lunch will be served at 12:30. There will be an afternoon session of hymn singing, testimonials, etc. All members of the church away from home and former members and friends are invited. Also on June 11 the revival meeting begins. (See "Revival Dates.") Rev. Thomas A. Leggett, Jr. is pastor of Fernwood Church. He received his Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in May and will live on the field at Fernwood this summer.

Grandview Calls Pastor

Rev. O. E. Herdington, pictured, has accepted the pastorate of Grandview Church, Jackson. He is a native of Mississippi, was educated here and is married to the former Mildred Netherland of Brookhaven. He has served churches in Mississippi and Louisiana, and spent the last twelve years in Louisiana churches. He served several weeks as interim pastor at Grandview before being called to the pastorate there.

Bowmar Avenue Calls Pastor

May 14, Rev. Harold C. Jordan accepted a call to be pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg. He will continue to serve as Chaplain of the Marathon-Letourneau Company on a limited basis.

Mr. Jordan has had experience in the pastorate, having served 17 years as pastor of Madison Church in Madison.

While there he was moderator and secretary of the Madison County Association. He was the founder and director of Jackson Youth for Christ for 22 years, for 15 years served as Director of Gulf Bible Conference, and at present is on the Board of Trustees of Letourneau College, Longview, Texas.



Arakabutla Buys Bus

The Arakabutla Church, Arakabutla, has purchased a bus and entered into a bus ministry. The bus was brought and is operated through a special bus ministry fund. Fifteen families have pledged \$2.00 a month above their tithe toward the operational expenses. During the first two weeks of operation the bus transported over 215 people to church-sponsored activities. The bus makes a regular route on Sunday morning to transport people to Sunday School and church. Rev. Bobby Walton is pastor.



Schlater Calls Pastor

Rev. William R. Patten is the new pastor of Schlatter Church, Schlatter. He and Mrs. Patten are pictured above. Patten, who recently received the degree Master of Theology, Honors Program, from New Orleans Seminary, is a native of Evergreen, Ala. The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patten, he holds the A. A. degree from Clarke College, and the B. A. degree from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. He is a former pastor of churches in Missouri and Louisiana. His wife is the former Margaret Ingram of Winona, Miss. A graduate of Clarke College, she has served as secretary to the dean of the School of Theology at New Orleans Seminary.

First Handbell Concert-Demonstration Clinic To Be At William Carey College June 15-16

Bob Jones, minister of music, Main St., Hattiesburg, and coordinator of the Handbell Clinic Committee, announces the first Handbell Concert-Demonstration Clinic scheduled for June 15-16, at William Carey College. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. Thursday and the clinic will conclude at noon Friday.

Donald Allured, Lake Charles, La., director of the most outstanding hand-

New Hope Homecoming

New Hope Church, Lafayette County, will celebrate Homecoming Day June 4. Rev. Ira Metts from Goodman will speak at the 11 o'clock service. Lunch will be served at 12, followed by singing and fellowship in the afternoon. The public is invited, according to the pastor, Rev. J. W. Massie of Sardis.

Antioch Homecoming

Antioch Church, Simpson County, will observe Homecoming Sunday, June 4. Rev. Bobby Jones, former pastor, will bring the morning message. There will be dinner on the grounds followed by singing in the afternoon. All former members and families are invited. Also singing groups are invited to come and sing. An offering will be taken for upkeep of cemetery.

Hebron Homecoming

Hebron Church, Clay Association, will observe 121st Homecoming on June 4. "All former pastors and members are invited," says Rev. John A. Williams, pastor. At the morning service, Pastor Williams will speak on the subject, "The Fall of the Church." Following dinner on the grounds, there will be singing in the afternoon and a message brought by Rev. James Duke, former Hebron pastor, now pastor of Mayhew Church.

"Jot" Now Is "Puntito"

JOT, the animated dot who teaches children lessons in living from their viewpoint, has learned another language and acquired a new name. The language is Spanish. And JOT's new name is PUNTITO, the Spanish equivalent of his English one.

Called To Magnolia St.

Rev. Wayne Dubose, Assistant Pastor, Calvary Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, has accepted the call to be Pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. He is a graduate of William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Mississippi and Alabama.

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bell choir in the United States, will be the guest clinician. This clinic is designed for directors and handbell ringers. Those participating will need to have copies of Scoggins Handbell Tunes No. 1. These may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store in Jackson.

Pre-registration should be sent to Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. There will be \$1.00 registration fee per participant.

Names In The News

Rev. James Fancher of Jackson was evangelist for a revival May 14-21 in Bethel Church, Danville, Ill. There were 14 additions, seven by letter and seven on profession of faith. Bethel is the only Southern Baptist church in a city of 50,000. Rev. Charles Everitt, native of Mississippi, is pastor.

John Shand is the new minister of music and youth at Westwood Church, Meridian. He moved from First Church of York, Alabama. His home is in Florida and he will be a senior next semester at Livingston University, Livingston, Alabama. Rev. W. Buford Ury is the pastor at Westwood.



Dr. Warren C. Hultgren, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, Okla., will deliver 13 messages on "The Baptist Hour," during the vacation of Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Grace Bagby Cowsett, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died May 7 in Tucson, Ariz. A funeral service was scheduled for May 10 at Wingate (N. C.) Baptist Church, with burial in Wingate. She was 83. Mrs. Cowsett and her late husband, Jack J. Cowsett, retired in 1960 after 40 years in Brazil under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Daughter of a Baptist minister, Mrs. Cowsett was born in Lancaster, Tex. She studied at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., Power-Meyers Conservatory, Wichita, Kan., and Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. Charles S. Davis is moving from New Orleans Seminary, where he recently earned the Doctor of Theology degree, to become pastor of First Church, Crowley, La. He is a native of Grenada, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Rev. Wayne G. Berry has resigned as pastor of Frink Baptist Church, Clarksville, Florida. He has accepted the call to Shiloh Church, Foxworth, Miss. A native of Moss Point, he has attended Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., for one year. He will enroll at William Carey College for the fall semester. Mrs. Berry was Sherry Branton of Columbia. They have two daughters, ages 6 and 4.

Rev. Ira S. Perkins, pictured, has resigned as pastor of Hebron Church, Panola Association, Sardis, to accept the call to the Fellowship Church, Memphis, Tenn. During his two and one-half years at Hebron, there were several additions to the church. He also helped to set up a constitution and bylaws for Hebron. One member reports, "He was a faithful pastor, careful with the church's money, visiting the sick and shut-in, always witnessing for Christ." His address at Memphis is 4150 Windemere.

Miss. Mary Alice Ditsworth, missionary who has completed furlough in the States, was scheduled to leave May 13 for Indonesia (address: Dji. Hegarmanah 41B, Bandung, Indonesia). A Mississippian, Miss Ditsworth was born in Lucedale and grew up in Pascagoula. Before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, she worked for First Church, Pascagoula, as secretary, and education and youth director.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest B. Beevers, missionaries who have completed furlough, were scheduled to depart May 13 for Indonesia (address: Dji. Sukadadi 192, Bandung, Indonesia). Beevers, a Mississippian, was born in Jackson and also lived in Union.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries to the Philippines, were scheduled to arrive May 18 for furlough in the States. (address: 437 Stillwood Dr. Jackson, Miss. 39206).



Kenneth Ray Pegram, (right) of Clinton and Memphis, Tenn., receives the Una Touchstone Owen Scholarship Award from Dr. W. W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College. Pegram, a junior ministerial student at the Baptist college, will use the scholarship during the 1972-73 school year. The scholarship was established by Miss Sudie Touchstone of Jackson in memory of her sister. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio - Television Commission in Fort Worth, has been named to receive a special award from Religious Heritage of America here. The national interfaith religious organization dedicated to preserving America's Judeo-Christian heritage cited Stevens "for this outstanding achievement since 1953 in building the SBC Radio-Television Commission into the forefront of religious broadcasting in America." Stevens will be among several others in the mass media honored at the Faith and Freedoms Awards breakfast here June 23 during the Religious Heritage of America's 22nd annual national awards program. Wallace E. Johnson of Memphis, vice chairman of the board for Holiday Inns of America, announced the award winners and citations. Johnson is chairman of Religious Heritage of America.

Allan Rankin has joined the staff of Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, to serve as music and youth director. A graduate of Mississippi College, he has served as music and youth director in the Mantee Church, the Beacon Street Church in Philadelphia, and Grandview Church, Jackson. He also served as director of the BSU Hour of Power Choir while at Mississippi College. He resigned as associate BSU director at the University of Arkansas to accept the work in Pascagoula. He is married to the former Jean Davis of Mendenhall. (She lacks only six hours having her degree from Mississippi College.) This couple has one child, Neddie Joye. They were welcomed to Ingalls Avenue Church on May 21 with a church reception and an old-fashioned food shower. Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor of the church.

Donald Edwin Johnson, former minister of music and youth of Greenwell Springs Church, Baton Rouge, La., has been called to serve as minister of music and youth of Liberty Church, Liberty. A graduate of Stetson University and a second-year student in New Orleans Seminary, he is from Gainesville, Florida and married to the former Linda McNabb of Miami. The pastor of Liberty Church is Rev. John E. Watts.

Rev. Clarence A. Blackledge, pictured, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Calvary Church, Bay Springs, on April 23. He had been licensed to preach by the same church last year and has been called as assistant pastor to the church. Rev. James R. Lightsey, pastor at Calvary, delivered the charge to the candidate, and Rev. L. R. Massey, now retired, gave the charge to the church. Presentation of the Bible was made by Rev. Jerry Westbrook, pastor of Antioch, Bay Springs. Mr. Blackledge is married to the former Cindy Lightsey of Bay Springs. He is available for supply work or pastorate.



Four voice professors from Southwestern Seminary have been invited to Israel to sing solos for Handel's "Messiah" at Christmastime. The official invitation was extended by Israel's Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol. The performances will be the climactic feature of modern Israel's 25th Anniversary, and will be presented in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Ein Gev. An additional performance is scheduled at Athens, Greece. The four professors are Mrs. Sue King, Mrs. Virginia Seelig, Frank Stovall, and James McKinney. Left to right above are Frank Stovall, a Mississippian, Sue King, and Virginia Seelig. James McKinney, the fourth soloist in Hong Kong on sabbatical leave until July.



Eleven-year-old Stan (left) and nine year old Steve are pictured with their choir director, Mrs. Jerry Harmon, of North Oxford Church. Stan has had perfect attendance since he began in the 4-year Beginner choir and Steven has not missed a scheduled practice for the past three years. Thus, the brothers total ten years perfect choir attendance. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stanford of Yazoo City, and have been members at Yazoo City, First Church, and North Oxford Church.

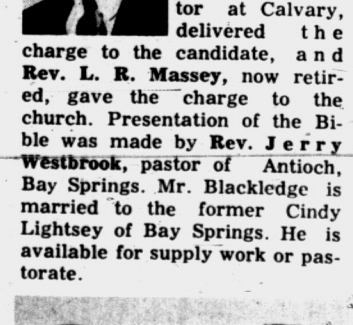


Students at the School of Practical Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, include men as well as women. Above left to right are: Harrison Taylor, Drenon Johnson, and Eugene Carroll, all of Jackson.



William Carey College faculty and student body honored Mrs. O. B. Loper by the dedicating of the 1972 yearbook, the Crusader, to her. Shown giving her a congratulatory hug above following annual Honor's Day ceremonies is Mrs. Ralph Noonkester, wife of the college president. Mrs. Loper, who is retiring this year after many years of teaching in the English department of William Carey College, was given a standing ovation by the audience.

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Students of Blue Mountain College honored Dr. and Mrs. James L. Travis, professor of Bible and assistant librarian, by dedicating the 1972 MOUNTAINEER college year book, to them.

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What Is The Devotional Life?

By Clifton J. Allen
Psalm 63:1-5; Acts 10:1-5, 30-33
This lesson is the first in a study of "The Bible and the Devotional Life." Our goal is to discover in the Bible the many resources for nourishing the devotional life and for being strengthened in the inner man. Our first concern will be to gain a better understanding of what the devotional life means. Then, in the lessons that follow, we shall seek to relate the devotional life to the deep spiritual hungers in human experi-

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

God Changes Saul, "A Hopeless Case"

Acts 9
By Bill Duncan
Who would have ever thought that Saul would turn out to be the greatest Christian ever to live except Christ himself? But this attitude of hopelessness might have been shown toward many a person. A rebellious boy might have brought terror to a community or school. Everyone might have given up except his loving mother. When the rebellious action turned to positive efforts, everyone would be proud but surprised except the mother.
Recently I had the opportunity to return to my hometown for a revival effort. It was good to visit with life

once, to appropriate ways for the expression of our devotion to God, to participation with others in devotional experience, and to the urgent outcomes that would result from a mature devotion. Much of the Scripture material for this course of study will come from the Psalms, a source rich with realistic expression of the struggle, aspiration, conflicts, and joys of human experience.
The Lesson Explained
Cornelius A Type
Acts 10:1-5, 30-33
Cornelius was a person of nobility and strength. He is introduced as a military man. Stationed in Caesarea, the Roman capital of the province, he was involved in the hard life of main-

taining law and order. He was a Gentile. But, not satisfied with pagan religions, he turned to the God of Israel. He was devout, that is, he was a "God-fearer" in that he believed in and worshiped the true God — not, however, being a full proselyte to Judaism. Evidently Cornelius was seeking to learn about Christ. Peter was warmly greeted by Cornelius, who, with his household, waited to hear through Peter a message from God.
Cornelius provides a helpful illustration. There was no conflict between everyday duty and constant prayer. He was a man of faith as well as military responsibility. His relation to God inspired worship and generosity though he had to deal with disorder

and violence. His faith in God showed in his life, so that family and servants and at least some soldiers shared his faith. He was a seeker after the way of the Lord so that he became a believer in Jesus Christ and devoted to him as the Lord of life.
Learning From the Psalmist
At first, the psalmist seems to be separated from God, as though away from Jerusalem and in grave peril; but his soul thirsts for God, like a person famished for water. Even so he goes on to affirm the reality of his faith. He is resolved to praise God as long as he lives. As the psalmist reflects on his need for God, he declares that more and more his relationship with God is the very essence of his life. God had been his help, his security, and his joy. And so he declares his purpose to cling to the Lord, with assurance that God will uphold him and preserve him.
Sound Concepts at the Start
This lesson is meant to be introductory to the entire course. A vigorous and satisfying devotional life must rest on personal faith in Jesus Christ.


One is brought to a saved and dynamic relationship with God by the grace of God in Christ, and thus one knows in inner experience the reality of fellowship with God through Christ. But then a vigorous devotional life demands more. There are voluntary and disciplined responses on the part of a Christian that contribute to the devotional life. Such a life is marked by awareness of the presence of God, desire for a sense of intimate fellowship, and openness to receive the Spirit of God. We can therefore conclude that a healthy and vigorous devotional life is a devoted life: it is devoted to God. The integrity and vitality of the devotional life are found in the evidences in life of uprightness, of unselfishness, of stability and of zeal. A healthy devotional life is not simply the effervescence of spiritual emotion, not pious pretense at being religious, but it is a satisfying fellowship with God marked by radiance and hope.
Truths to Live By
There is regrettable and shameful barrenness in the average Christian life — This is a word of honest realism, and it ought to be faced. Many of us would be forced to admit that all too often God seems unreal and faraway. Fears and frustrations are more real to us than a deep feeling of inner peace springing from confidence that we are in touch with God, secure in his love, equipped with his strength.
Richness of devotional experience does not always follow stereotyped forms. — A rich devotional life does not necessarily mean a life without temptation or even without some failures to overcome a besetting weakness. It is not plety written on the face or rigid abstinence from everything that satisfies the flesh. A rich devotional life can mark the Christian

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in any honorable profession; it can find stimulation in art and music, in the science laboratory or the engineer's construction, from service as an orderly in a hospital or tending flowers in a garden. One's response to the transforming presence of God may find expression in worship or work, in tears of joy or hallelujahs of praise, in caring for a sick person with patience and gentleness or trying to generate support for a courageous crusade against pornography and crime. To be devotional is to be devoted to God.

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Flag Chapel Calls Pastor
Rev. Luther Price became pastor of Flag Chapel Church, Jackson, on May 22. He moved from Moaks Creek Church, Summit, where he has served as pastor for three years.
Mr. Price was called to the ministry in 1961 in his home state of North Carolina. He received his schooling at North Greenville College, Brookhaven; and William Carey College.
He was ordained in 1965 at Arm Church, Lawrence County where he was pastor before going to Moaks Creek.
Mr. Price is married and has two sons and two daughters. The family will be residing at the pastorage at 316 Cladyview Drive, Jackson.

Called To Tangipahoa
Rev. William A. Sullivan, superintendent of missions of Mississippi Association, has accepted the pastorage of Tangipahoa Church, Route 2, Summit, effective June 1.
Mr. Sullivan, native of Mississippi, attended Clarke College and is a graduate of S.L.U. Hammond, La. and New Orleans Seminary. Before entering associational mission work, he was pastor of Mars Hill Church, Mississippi Association.
He is married to the former Ruby Toney of Gloster. They have one daughter, Peggy (Mrs. G. W. Lee) of Ridgewood; N. J. and three sons; Dr. W. A. Sullivan, Jr., Professor of English, U. A., Little Rock; James Sullivan, art professor, Gulfport; and John Sullivan, manager of Grant's, Freeport, Tex.
Mr. Sullivan has specialized in the role of the rural church through out his ministry and has received awards from the Home Mission Board through its Church Development Ministry as pastor of the best church of its size in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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ism opposing the idea of Christ. He would have been as zealous against Jesus as he was the church if given the opportunity.
As one reads the accounts of the conversion of Saul, there is no doubt that Saul encountered the risen Lord and there his character and life were changed. This was the point of contact with Christ that is like being born again from above. A new relationship came into existence in Christ. The one who rebelled against the idea of Jesus being Christ became its strongest spokesman, writer, and missionary. Someone called the experience on the road to Damascus a surrender. There may have been many factors but the battle was over and Paul surrendered to Christ. Up to this moment in his life, Paul did what he liked. Now he ceased to do what he wanted and began to do what Jesus wanted him to do. Christ became his living Lord.
A Helpful Friend
Christ told Paul to go into the city where he would be told what to do. Paul was in a blind condition, totally dependent upon someone else. This must have been a humiliating experience.
If it is true that the church owes Paul to the prayer of Stephen, it is also true that the church owes Paul to the brotherliness of Ananias. Everyone had reason to fear Saul. About the message of God to the believing Ananias took away the suspicion and made him into a helpful friend or brother.
The comforting words, "Brother Saul," have been echoed around the world. They are the sublimist examples of Christian love and forgiveness in the New Testament. This is what the power of God can do to any individual who believes Christ to be the Lord of his life. The fact of forgiveness was evidenced in the approach and action. The two who had been enemies now were brothers.
When Saul got back to Jerusalem, Barnabas became the needed friend. The charity of Barnabas opened the door to welcome Saul into his life. When everyone else was steering clear of Paul and suspecting him of the worst, Barnabas took him by the hand and stood with him before the apostles. Barnabas believed the best about Saul and did not want to hold his past against him. Later in years Barnabas selected Saul to work with him in Antioch and started out as a

missionary with him. The experienced Barnabas helped to give Saul his start in the ministry.
The Reverse of Persecution
The time chart is not clear for Saul. But most likely for sometime he worked and preached in Damascus. These were the days of adjustment of his theology and zeal. But with courage he proclaimed in the synagogues that Jesus was the son of God. The complete reversal brought amazement and hatred toward Saul. The reaction was a witness to the effective preaching of Saul's witness. No one persecutes a man who is ineffective and who obviously does not matter. To suffer persecution is to be paid the greatest compliment because it is the certain proof that men think we matter. In Damascus he escaped by being lowered over the walls at night because of the search for him.
In Jerusalem Paul found suspicion and distrust. It is normal for human behaviour, but not Christian love. The Greek-speaking Jesus disputed with the converted one. The Hellenist Jews set out to destroy the witness of Saul. Therefore Saul was smuggled out of Jerusalem to Caesarea on back to his home town Tarsus.
The new man must begin again from his native city to tell that Jesus Christ is the son of God who changes the hopeless to the hopeful.

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Behold Your God!

By Dr. Sarah Rouse, Chairman, Division of Humanities, Mississippi College
 "O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" (Isaiah 40:9)

At a time when the loud voices of discontent, greed, selfishness, anger, and protest are trying to drown out the voices that proclaim the good news of the Christian way of life, we need to take a new look at God and his purposes in the world; and with the insight gained evaluate our relationship to Him and those purposes.



Are we measuring up to the standards set by Christ? Are we convinced, committed, courageous, and growing Christians? Only the offensive team of Christians can turn the tide and win; we have been on the defensive too long. The Lord needs those who will stand up and count—not just be counted.

The story is told that when the officers in the French Army under Napoleon Bonaparte became discouraged and were grumbling among themselves, the commander called them in one by one and asked them to kneel, to look upon him and renew their vows of loyalty. This they did, and then went out to fight more courageously than ever. If an earthly ruler felt the need for a recommitment of his followers to his and their cause, how much more must our Heavenly Father desire our full commitment. To "Behold your God" in the fullest sense does provoke us to a deeper loyalty to Him and makes us more conscious of our responsibility to our fellowmen.

When we behold Him as He is revealed in Jesus, the Christ, then do we begin to examine our own lives, and ask: Who am I? How is my life spent? Where am I going? Am I a born again, dedicated child of God whose life exemplifies Christlikeness? Am I living a mediocre life which breeds mediocrity or one of excellence which breeds excellence?

After facing up to questions such as these, which result from a sincere confrontation with God, we become hungry to know more about Him, His Word, the needs of the world, and our place in His plans for making His truths known. How can we know? Research, study, reason, revelation, and prayer are the principal means. Why should we want to know? If we are to function effectively, as Christians we must know God's Word, the needs of the world and our responsibility in meeting them. Knowing also helps us to become bigger and happier people—our lives are transformed. Paul wrote:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power (Eph. 1:18, 19).

Examining ourselves and acquiring knowledge about God and the world are not enough unless we act upon what we know. When we sincerely "Behold our God" we will commit completely our lives to Him and His service—with gladness and without fear. The Psalmist wrote "Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill . . . Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. . . (Ps. 99:9 — 100:1,2).

As Christians, let us lift up our voices with strength; lift them up, be not afraid; say unto ourselves and to those about us—"Behold your God" who is still at the helm guiding and strengthening those who call upon Him and attempt to do His will.

Baptist Paper To Devote

Issue To Readers' Letters

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — The entire June 7 issue of the Illinois Baptist will be devoted to letters to the editor from readers commenting on virtually any topic, the editor of the weekly paper announced here.

Robert J. Hastings, editor of the paper, said a recent readership survey had disclosed that the "Mail Box," the weekly column of letters to the editor.

Newman Named Chancellor,

College Seeks Successor

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP) — Trustees of Howard Payne College here have named President Guy D. Newman as chancellor and appointed a committee to seek a new president for the Texas Baptist school. Newman requested creation of the chancellor post following a recent \$125,000 grant to the college by the Sangreal Foundation, Inc., of Dallas and its president, Carr P. Collins Jr.

Gulf Oil Gives \$5300 To MC

Mississippi College has received a \$5300 Departmental Assistance Grant from the Gulf Oil Foundation.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, received the check from J. S. Mellon, marketing manager for Gulf Oil Corporation in Jackson, in brief ceremonies at the college.

The grant will be used by the Department of Chemistry in the Division of Science and Mathematics according to Dr. Nobles. Dr. Archie H. Germany, chairman of the Division and professor of chemistry, and Dr. Dean Parks, assistant professor of chemistry, will supervise its use.

The two chemistry professors said the grant would be used to purchase magnetic susceptibility apparatus to study the magnetic properties of organic compounds.

"This new instrument will enable us to extend the research capability of our chemistry department," stated Dr. Germany. The Mississippi College chemistry department is already recognized as one of the finest in the southeast.

Revival Dates

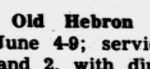
Bond Church (Neshoba): July 9-14; services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pictured, pastor of First, Philadelphia, evangelist.



Calvary, Bay Springs: June 25 - 30; Rev. Bert West, pictured, pastor, Emmanuel Church, Ocean Springs, evangelist; Rev. J. A. M. E. Lightsey, pastor.



Southside, Lucedale: June 4-9; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Robert D. Dunn, pictured, evangelist; Glenn Duval, music evangelist; Rev. Harry Barnes, pastor; homecoming June 4, with dinner on the grounds, celebrating the church's first birthday.



Old Hebron Church, Newhebron: June 4-9; services on Sunday at 11 and 2, with dinner on the church

Tour Of Historic Sites

Slated In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — A guided tour of key historic sites in both American and Baptist history will be conducted by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here on Wednesday, June 7, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The tour will begin at the Sheraton Hotel here at 2:30 p. m., and will be led by Ronald Tonks, research director for the commission and former professor of history.

Sites tentatively scheduled for the tour include the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia and the Pennepack Baptist Church (now Lower Dublin Church) instrumental in founding the Philadelphia Baptist Association, plus several sites significant in American history.

The tour will visit Carpenters Hall, where Isaac Backus testified on behalf of religious liberty before members of the Continental Congress 1774; Independence Hall where the Constitution was signed; Congress Hall where the U. S. Congress met from 1790-1800; Christ Church where Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were members; and the Betsy Ross House where the American flag was designed and made.

Reservations for the tour may be made by writing the Historical Commission (127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37203) or tickets (cost, \$2.75) may be purchased at the Historical Commission booth at the convention.

A grouch dislikes people who flatter him and dislikes those who don't.



William Carey Presents First Degrees In Nursing

William Carey College's May 27 commencement exercises in Hattiesburg will include for the first time six baccalaureate degrees in nursing. Posing above in their excitingly different red and white student nurses uniform, the six have spent three of their eight semesters of work on the New Orleans campus of the William Carey College School of Nursing at Southern Baptist

Hospital. The new program came into being three years ago by a merger of the famed Mather School of Nursing with the William Carey degree program in Nattiesburg. Left to right, the six important "firsts" are: Judy Roberts, Judith Morris, Sandra Brice, Alicia Rawls, Georganne Faith, and Lynda Ann Havens.

Saltillo To Dedicate New Church Building

Saltillo Church will dedicate their new building on June 11. That Sunday they will observe the first homecoming in their new \$218,000 church. First services were held in the building on May 7.

Rev. David Poe, pastor, and Denny Basden, music director, will conduct the regular morning service on June 11, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Poe will preach the dedication sermon in the special, formal dedication service at 2 p. m. Former pastors will also participate and special music has been planned. Friends and former members are invited.

grounds; services Mon.-Fri. at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor of Eastside, Jackson, evangelist; David May, minister of music, singer; Rev. R. G. Bilbo, pastor.

Bethesda (Hinds-Madison): June 4-9; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Byron Malone, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, evangelist; Walter Gibbs, Learned, singer; Rev. Kenneth Hodges, pastor; Homecoming Day Sunday, June 4, with dinner on the grounds and Rev. Glenn Morgan of El Dorado, Arkansas, as guest speaker at the 11 a. m. service.

Fernwood Church, Gulfport: June 11 - 18; Rev. Don Cotten of Stringer, student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Johnny Kilgore, minister of music at First, Ocean Springs, singer; Rev. Thomas A. Leggett, Jr., pastor.



Mt. Vernon Has Homecoming

Homecoming was observed at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Lowndes County on Sunday, May 7 with the morning worship hour followed by dinner for everyone and special afternoon activities. Shown in picture are, from left, Johnny Johns, music director; Miss Judy Holman; Rev. Glen Puckett, pastor; Mrs. Ethel Daves, oldest woman member of church and W. T. Beatty, a charter member.

Freddie Gage Anti-Drug Crusade Set For Verona

Evangelist Freddie Gage is bringing his Anti-Drug Abuse Crusade to Verona June 4-11. That which began as regular revival services in the Verona Church has created such interest that two tents have been secured to accommodate the crowds expected to attend these crusade services. These tents will be located on

Highway 45 South, on the property of the Barber Milk Plant.

Gage, an ex - drug addict, has been called the Pied Piper of today's restless youth. Thousands have heard him in crusades across the nation in recent months. Through "The Pulpit In The Shadows" ministry in Houston, Texas, Gage has reached the beat, hippie, drug addicts, presenting Christ as their only hope.

The Crusade services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Paul Wilson is pastor of the Verona Church.

BMC Summer School Opens June 5

Blue Mountain College announces that its 1972 summer session's first term will begin June 5, with registration in the Paschal Student Center, beginning at 8:15 a. m.

The second term of the 1972 BMC summer session will begin with registration on July 10, and closes with examinations August 11-12.

A feature of the first summer term will be the Elementary Teacher's Workshop in Music June 19-23. Miss Ernestine Ferrell of Pontotoc, Music Consultant for Mississippi, will again serve as Director of the Elementary Teachers' Workshop.

One semester hour credit may be earned for attending the Music Workshop and that credit may be applied toward the six semester hours required to renew teacher certification. Students are not required to make reservations prior to registration for the Workshop.

The first session will begin at 1:30 p. m. in Garrett Hall of Fine Arts. For detailed information write to: Registrar's Office, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610 or Phone: 601-685-5711.

Earns Certificate From Seminary Extension

Rev. Herschel Clanton, pastor of Gum Grove Church, Lincoln County, has recently earned the Pastoral Training Certificate from the Seminary Extension Department, SBC. This represents the completion of 16 courses of study by correspondence, including Bible, church history, theology, pastoral ministries, evangelism, preaching, and religious education.

Mr. Clanton completed these courses over a period of three years. He reports that such study has enriched his ministry and that he has found this study helpful to him in many areas of pastoral ministry. The Seminary Extension Department is a cooperative endeavor of the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. Textbooks and study guides are prepared by seminary professors; the student completes the work at home and sends the completed correspondence work to the office of the Seminary Extension Department in Nashville, Tennessee for grading and recording.

A lot of people these days go to prayer meeting to get away from the crowd.

Off The Record

NIGHT SHIFT

Sometimes I sleep on my left side, Sometimes I turn to the right; Sometimes I face up or down As I snore into the night. But always there comes a moment, The part of the night that I dread, When it's time to get up and stagger From the TV couch to bed.

(Reprinted from Wall St. Jour.)

The young bride was looking into the window of a jewelry store. "George," she said, "I'd love to have that bracelet."

"I can't afford to buy it for you, my dear."

"But if you could, you would, wouldn't you?"

"No," said diplomatic George.

"Why?" said she, surprised and angry.

"It isn't good enough, dear."

"Oh, you darling."

A woman with more money than knowledge decided to purchase some antiques. The dealer showed her a beautiful vase, explaining, "This vase is 2,000 years old."

"You can't fool me!" snapped the customer. "It's only 1971 right now."

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

"Yes, Miss," replied Johnny. "It's a boy that comes to school with a smile on his face."

Rejected by the college of his choice, the teen-ager angrily accosted his father. "If you really cared for me, you'd have pulled some wires!"

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Children's Choir Organized At Cleary

Cleary Church, Hoover Lake, Florence, has organized a Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Gillespie, wife of the church's youth director, Rev. Randy Gillespie. The children sing each Sunday evening. Rev. Dale Holloway is pastor.



Children's Church Began At Easthaven

Interest in attendance at Easthaven, Brookhaven has increased to the extent that it has become necessary to begin a Children's Church for boys and girls ages 4-8. The Children's Church meets in the Fellowship Hall while the other Sunday worshippers are meeting in the sanctuary. The purpose of the Children's Church is to provide an experience of worship for the child at his age level. Rev. Charles Dampier is pastor.



Tupelo Choir To Sing In Israel At Christmas

The First Baptist A cappella Choir of Tupelo has become the first choir ever from Mississippi to be invited to sing in the Holy Land during Christmas holidays. The choir was auditioned by two representatives of the Israeli government. They will be leaving December 18 and returning ten days later. Concerts will include sing-

ing in Galilee, Jerusalem, and at the Hebrew University. The highlight of the tour will be singing in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve for some 25,000 to 50,000 people. Two days of the tour will be spent in Athens, Greece. Rev. Billy T. Nimmons is pastor of First Church and Miss Shirley Page is Minister of Music.